

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 4, 2013

FROM: Penny Corn, Grants Director; Byron Thompson, Deputy Director

RE: 2013 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security is conducting a State-wide Threat and Hazards review and requests your assistance. Your input will be utilized to develop Mississippi's 2013 State Homeland Security Grant Program Funding Request, State threat and Hazard identification and Risk Assessment, as well as the annual State Preparedness Report.

In your response please provide the following (helpful in evaluating grant fund awards):

1. One brief paragraph describing each of your jurisdictions top three threats.
2. One brief paragraph describing each of your jurisdictions top three hazards.
3. One to three brief paragraph(s) describing any capability gap which inhibits your jurisdiction's ability to respond to the threats and hazards you have identified. Please address how utilization of existing state-wide assets (Task Forces, Force Protection Units, bomb teams, etc) may/may not mitigate the threats and hazards you have identified.
4. Provide a detailed list of resources that your jurisdiction would need to close your capability gap and please include the following in your request:
 - a. A detailed budget for each resource being requested
 - b. A brief description of how and why this resource would close your capability gap
 - c. Complete the enclosed NIMS Compliance form
 - d. Verify equipment eligibility at www.rkb.us

****This document replaces the old investment justification previously required for consideration of grant funding from MOHS.**

Please submit your response to MOHS (attn: Ms. Penny Corn, Grants Director) no later than July 17, 2013)

Your input is vital to help us compile and communicate a comprehensive picture of the threats, hazards and capability gaps that exist within our State. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

2013 NIMS COMPLIANCE FORM

**To: The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security
P. O. Box 958
Jackson, MS 39205**

Attn: Office of Grants

Homeland Security Directive 5 mandates governments shall implement a consistent system for working together during incidents or events. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) has been designed to provide effective incident and event management. NIMSCAST has been designed for recording said NIMS compliance. Mississippi under Executive Order #932 established NIMS as the standard for incident management within the state. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency guidance provides that accepting grant funding is conditional on compliance with NIMS. This jurisdiction attests that we continue to strive toward NIMS compliance as provided under federal and state NIMS guidance. This jurisdiction also attests that compliance shall be correctly recorded within the NIMSCAST tool. This jurisdiction understands receiving and/or using Homeland Security grant funds remains conditional upon successful participation in respect to NIMS compliance and reporting. Non-compliance of NIMS can result in Homeland Security dollars being withheld from or drawn back from our jurisdiction because of ineffective NIMS support and participation.

This understood and attested to:

Signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Jurisdiction represented: _____

Dated: _____

Witness sign: _____

Printed name: _____